

LARGEST SHIPS THAT
WORLD HAS EVER SEENTwo Monster Vessels Now Near-
ing Completion for the Cun-
ard Steamship Co.

DIMENSIONS GIGANTIC

It is Claimed That They Will be
the Steadiest Ships
Afloat.LIVERPOOL, April 21.
The two new Cunard liners, which are
being built with the \$10,000,000 loaned by
the government, are fast nearing comple-
tion, and will be launched in June and
July this year.They will be named Mauritania and
Lusitania, and will be the largest ships
the world has ever seen. Some remark-
able figures regarding the two vessels
were yesterday supplied by the Cunard
Company.Each vessel will have a gross tonnage
of 33,200, while they are 90 feet longer
than any other liner afloat. They are 83
feet in beam, and in this respect are the
first to surpass the Great Eastern, which
was 83 feet in breadth.They will each have accommodations for
2000 passengers and carry a crew of 800.
They will be propelled by turbine engines
capable of developing 50,000 horsepower,
and are expected to travel at a minimum
speed of 24 knots an hour.Steadiest on the Ocean.
Marine engineers predict that the two
vessels will be made the steadiest ships
on the ocean. They will be fitted in a
manner equal to the most gorgeous mod-
ern hotels. The decorations will consist
of reproductions of the greatest works of
art, while a system of lifts, between the
various decks will provide for the rapid
transit of the passengers from one part
of the ship to another.The first-class dining saloon will be un-
precedented in architecture. It will be
a massive and gorgeous apartment, 125
feet long and 50 feet wide, and will com-
fortably accommodate 500 persons at one
meal. It will be lighted by a great dome,
extending up through the two decks
above, and crowned with a roof of cathed-
ral glass.Engineering Records Ignored.
More than one engineering record has
been broken in the construction of the
ships. The stern frames and brackets are
the largest ever known, the former alone
weighing 47 tons and requiring no fewer
than 63 tons of molten metal in the mak-
ing.The rudder weighs 70 tons, and each link
in the 2000-ton chain is 25 1/2 inches long
and weighs 150 pounds. Each link was
tested and withstood a strain of 570 tons.PANDEMONIUM REIGNS
IN AN AUSTRIAN DIETCow Bells, Cymbals, Drums and
Other Instruments Prevent
Deputies Speaking.VIENNA, April 21.
An extraordinary scene occurred at Lau-
bach today at the sitting of the Carinthia
Provincial Diet.There was a debate on suffrage reform,
and the Slavonian party, who feared that
the Clericals would gain if the proposals
were carried, determined to prevent the
debate at all costs.They armed themselves with musical
and unmusical instruments, and on enter-
ing the chamber played with great
enthusiasm. Some rang cow bells, one
beat a great drum, and others played
sounded motor-car horns, bicycle
whistles and used rattles, so that the
party looked like an orchestra.These instruments were played for four
hours uninterruptedly to prevent their op-
ponents speaking.
After the adjournment of the sitting for
lunch the disturbance began again, the
Mayor of Laibach acting as conductor.
The friends of the demonstrators, includ-
ing women in the gallery, yelled and sang.
The President of the Chamber passed
the time in reading newspapers. The Lib-
erals declare they intend to continue these
tactics throughout the session.Sailors Help Japanese.
LONDON, April 21.—An effort is to be
made throughout the British Navy to help
the famine-stricken Japanese. The scheme
originated among the men of the lower
deck at Portsmouth. Circulars have been
sent to all ships in the navy, asking their
support. The fund remains open until
May 1, and all ranks are asked to con-
tribute toward it.HEIR TO A PEERAGE
BECOMES A SOCIALISTFuture Lord Ribblesdale Convert-
ed by the Doctrines of Tol-
stoy and Others.

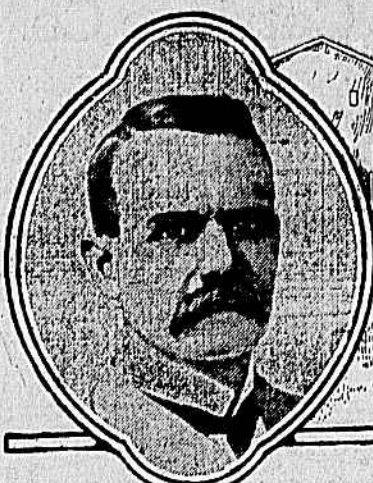
IS STILL AN ETON BOY

Is Not Subjected to Annoyance
for His Views by Other
Pupils of School.LONDON, April 21.
The Hon. C. A. Lister, son of Lord
Ribblesdale, and heir to the great estates at
Gleburn, in Lancashire, which have
been in the family for five centuries, has
proclaimed himself a socialist.Mr. Lister is 19 years of age, and is an
Eton boy. He confesses that his social-
ism is the result of his reading, and not
of practical experience."I am a socialist because I am con-
vinced of the injustice of our present so-
cial system," he writes, "and of the in-
evitable ruin that will attend us if we ad-
here to its absurd anomalies. I find no
satisfactory remedies for such a system,
either in the Tory or Liberal programmes,
and it is therefore to the Labor party, as
the representatives of English socialism,
that I turn for help."

Influenced by Tolstoy.

Tolstoy's writings first influenced him,
and his conversion was completed by the
work of the leaders of Russian socialism.
"Russian socialism fascinated me," he
continues, "but I did not believe it to be
a necessary or practicable creed to preach
in England till the last two years or so.
"As a result of the miserable conditions
of our working classes, we find physical
degeneracy threatening our national effi-
ciency, for we are quite unable to keep
our young men in the rural districts, and
the reason why is not hard to find."The land is still in the hands of an
aristocracy, and no inducement is offered
to a man of average ambitions to stay in
his native village and till his own plot of
land.""Rural depopulation will go on so long
as the present system of land tenure ob-
tains, and the inevitable result of rural
depopulation will be physical degeneracy
of the nation. As yet no practical scheme
of land nationalization has been put for-
ward."

His Views Respected

In conclusion, Mr. Lister pays a tribute
to the tolerance with which his views
have been received by his fellows at Eton."Eton does not take politics very seri-
ously," he says, "so I have not been
kicked round the 'quad' four times every
morning before breakfast, and I have not
been consigned to Coventry. My opinions
are respected by few, tolerated by many
and persecuted by none."Thomas Watt,
Minister of Justice.

West Street, Durban

DOCTOR SEWS HEART
PIERCED BY A KNIFEGirl Apparently Dead Restored to
Life by Extraordinary
Operation.

NOW DANCES AT BALL

PARIS, April 21.

An extraordinary operation has been
performed here by Dr. Quenu, of the
Cochin Hospital. A girl was brought in
suffering from a self-inflicted stab in the
breast. The knife had pierced the heart,
and the patient was to all appearance
dead.Dr. Quenu, however, believed he saw
signs of life, and determined to effect a
most delicate operation. Opening the chest
above the heart, he examined the wound,
and found that the heart was still bleed-
ing.At the fourth attempt he succeeded in
getting hold of the organ and in drawing
it out. In twenty-five minutes he sewed
up the wound with a minute needle and
the finest thread. He then stitched the
wound in the chest, banded it and
placed the patient in bed.Artificial respiration was resorted to, and
after a considerable time the color re-
turned to the lips, and it was evident that
the patient still lived. She was nursed
with the greatest care, and twelve days
later got up, dressed herself and went
home.She was interviewed at her home yester-
day, and announced that on the previous
night she had been to a ball and danced
without even losing breath.DEFECTIVE WARSHIPS
IN THE BRITISH NAVYFear Expressed That New Cruis-
er and Five Others Are
Wrongly Designed.

THEIR GUNS TOO LOW

LONDON, April 21.

The new cruiser Duke of Edinburgh has
put into Portsmouth with troubles, and is
to be examined with a view to seeing
whether her design is all wrong. There
are five other ships of the class—Black
Prince, Warrior, Natal, Achilles and
Cochrane, and if one is wrong, the whole
six are.The first trouble with the Duke of Edin-
burgh lay with her six-inch guns, which
are mounted very low. In a seaway they
are quite useless, and the muzzles, more
often than not, are under water. The
Black Prince's six-inch guns have the
same defect. The other four ships (the
trouble being anticipated) carry all guns
higher up, but the present trouble is with
the heavy guns on the upper deck. One in
the Duke of Edinburgh broke loose re-
cently in a gale, and now there is a scare
that the ships are too heavily armed.
Whether this is so, it is impossible to
say yet.The armament of the vessels' six heavy
guns is ideal if they can carry it. The
problem is, whether, in seeking a best
possible, we have not attempted rather
too much. Before there is published, al-
though, it is well to remember that
with every new class of ships exaggerated
tales of defects get about, often with
little foundation.Thus, the Drake and Duncan were once
under suspicion, but have since proved
excellent investments, and we may hope
that the Duke of Edinburgh class will do
the same. In the latter class, speed has
been sacrificed somewhat to armament.
If the armament has to be reduced to
make them more seaworthy, they will be
poor bargains. However, it will be well
to wait and see before we cry out too
much.It may be stated emphatically that ru-
mors now in existence as to the ships be-
ing topheavy and liable to capsize in a
gale are practically without any founda-
tion. The actual facts are as stated.REVOLT HAS FAILED,
FATHER GAPON SAYSRussia is Suffering From a Strong
Reaction Against Extrem-
ist Ideas.ST. PETERSBURG, April 21.
Father George Gapon, who has returned
to St. Petersburg to face the charges made
against him of accepting bribes from
Count Witte and other officials, gave an
interview today on the prospects of politi-
cal freedom to be derived from the Duma."The movement for revolution as we
know it has failed," he said, "and it has
justified my original appeal for a peace-
ful propaganda.""Russia is at present suffering from a
strong reaction against extreme ideas.
The extremists have brought about a re-
trograde state of mind, which threatens to
prove fatal to the moderate working class
movement, of which I was one of the
leaders.""There does not seem to be much chance
that the first Duma will be Liberal, or
even moderately Liberal. If the govern-
ment reaction continues, however, the tide
may turn.""The revolutionary wave which was re-
sponsible for the Moscow rebellion and the
subsequent repression has receded, and
there now exists an almost painful count-
eraction of apathy, indifference and disbeli-
ef in the future. I believe this is a transitory
mood, but it has come on the eve of the
first Duma elections, and is, therefore,
most disastrous."JILTED LOVER BLOWS
YOUNG COUPLE UPDynamite Bomb Placed in Their
Path Terrible Instrument
of His Revenge.PARIS, April 21.
A bomb prepared by a jilted sweetheart
nearly killed two young lovers at Toury,
near Chartres, yesterday.The young couple—Jean Fleuriot and
Marguerite Hennevey—were walking home
from the railway station, when they saw
a tin box in the road. They picked it up,
and it at once exploded with a terrible
report. Both were flung to the side of the
road, and when picked up were found to
have sustained severe injuries.The force of the exploding bomb made a
hole in the road three feet deep and
wrecked the walls of two houses at the
roadside.
The tin box had been charged with two
ounces of dynamite, and inquiries showed
that it had been placed in the way of the
lovers by a young man, whom Marguerite
had jilted.

How the white men met their death

STERNLY ENFORCING THE LAW IN NATAL

The South African British colony of Natal has emerged victoriously
from its struggle with the home government. The twelve natives who were
convicted of the murder of Sub-Inspector Hunt were to have been shot at
Pietermaritzburg, but the Colonial Secretary exercised his home govern-
ment's right of veto, and the executions were stayed. The colonists were
furious, because they considered that the safety of white people could only
be insured by exemplary punishment. Large numbers of natives had come
into Pietermaritzburg to see the executions, and had begun to wonder at the
impotence of the government. The Natal Ministry immediately sent in its
resignation, and on consideration the home government consented to let
the colony administer justice in the way it thought best to secure the
peace and well-being of the whole community, white and black. The execu-
tions accordingly took place on April 2.The circumstances which led to the murder are these: Chief Umvelli hav-
ing informed the Magistrate of the Ungeni Division that some of his people
refused to pay the poll tax, and were armed with assegais, warrants were
issued, and fourteen members of the Natal police sent to arrest the re-
fractory. They reached the kraal at nightfall, and succeeded in handcuff-
ing three of the natives, when they were set upon by the others. In the
struggle that followed, Sub-Inspector Hunt and a trooper of the Natal
mounted police were assailed.HUNGARIAN PATRIOTS
NOW WEAR THE TULIPFlower Has Become Symbol of
League Formed to Boycott
Austrian Goods.BUDAPEST, April 21.
The tulip, which is a specially Hungari-
an flower, has become the emblem of
perpetual Hungarian sentiment and anti-
Austrian feeling. The Hungarian man or
woman who does not now display a tulip
is reckoned devoid of national patriotism.A pro-Austrian
"Tulip League" has been formed as
the most practical expression of the
Hungarian life-and-death struggle with
Austria. It is changing the dress and
habits of society and producing astonish-
ing movements.To this organization, originated by the
students and numbering now 24,000 mem-
bers, belong many of the chief women in
the land and the sons of some of the
greatest aristocratic families. Its latest
outcome is an actresses' society to sell
tulips in the popular theatres and to give
city on Sundays and holidays and devote
the proceeds to the political anti-Austrian
fund.The declared purposes of the Tulip
League are the boycotting of all articles
of Austrian industry, and that the mem-
bers may be the better able to give dona-
tions to the Hungarian National Fund,
they have bound themselves to avoid lux-
ury of dress and living and to give up
playing hazard games. The emblem of
the league worn by all its members is a
pretty brooch, with a tulip design worked
in the Hungarian colors—red, white and
green.

Not Even the Three R's.

LONDON, April 21.—Although the Bir-
mingham canal-barge children compare fa-
vorably with town children, their educa-
tion is deplorably deficient, says the Lan-
cet. Only 3 per cent. can read fairly well.
Many do not know the value of any but
bronze coins, and few can write, and their
knowledge of numbers is very small.VULTURES ATTACK
MAN, GIRL AND BULLRendered Savage by Hunger
They Become Terror to Resi-
dents of Swiss Canton.GENEVA, April 21.
A large number of enormous vultures,
probably emboldened by hunger, are
spreading terror in the valley of Couches,
Canton of Valais.They have been preying upon sheep and
cows, attacking the animals with great
ferocity. A shepherd who attempted to
protect a sheep a few days ago was at-
tacked by the birds, and had to run for
his life.A valuable bull was so badly injured in
a long fight with the birds that it had to
be shot.Yesterday, near the village of Mühleb-
ach, the vultures attacked a young girl in
a meadow, and before help could arrive
wounded her severely. Her hair was
torn out and one eye was injured.

LOTTERY WINNER MISSING

Some Englishman or American Has
Prize of \$20,000 Awaiting Him.PARIS, April 21.—The winner of the
first prize of \$20,000 in an Italian lottery
cannot be found.
The number of his ticket, which is be-
lieved to have been purchased by an
Englishman or an American at the Hotel
de Paris at Monte Carlo, is 6728. The
owner of the ticket is requested to apply
for his winnings at once.MANY FALL BEFORE
BRIGAND'S REVOLVERTerror of Italian District is Cap-
tured After Desperate
Conflict.

LEAPED INTO RIVER

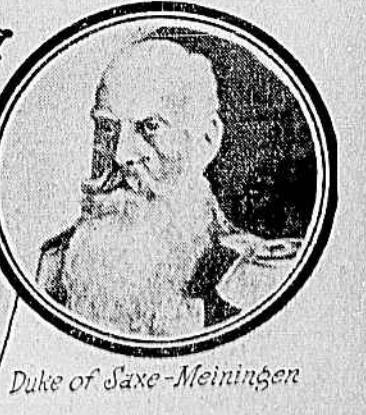
ROME, April 21.

The notorious brigand Pallori, for whose
capture a reward of \$500 was offered, was
taken prisoner today.He was discovered hiding in the house
of a cousin at Padua, but gave the gen-
darmes sent to arrest him the slip as they
surrounded the building.In his flight, however, he ran into the
arms of a score of soldiers, who, seeing
him flourishing an eight-chambered re-
volver, hemmed him in.Quick as thought he fired four shots,
wounding four of the soldiers, and got
away again. The gendarmes continued the
pursuit, and one of them, faster than the
rest, was on the point of overtaking the
fugitive, when Pallori shot him dead.Two other gendarmes who were follow-
ing closely were gravely wounded.The brigand then attempted to enter a
house, and when the owner barred his
passage killed him with the only remain-
ing shot in his revolver.Up to this time Pallori had been favored
with most extraordinary luck, for, though
he had been repeatedly fired at by his pur-
suers, none of the shots had taken effect.As a last desperate resource he leaped
the parapet of a bridge spanning the Bac-
chiglione into the river, and was then cap-
tured. The crowd tried to lynch him, and
before the prison was reached one of his
eyes was torn out.DYING MAN FOUND
GUILTY OF MURDERIn Grasp of Consumption He is
Brought From Hospital to
the Court.PARIS, April 21.
Riviere, a peasant of the Pyrenees, was
tried for the murder of his sweetheart at
Ariege Assizes yesterday. The young man,
who has confessed the crime, is
dying of consumption, and was brought
from the hospital to the court. He was in
too weak a condition to respond, except by
signs, to the questions addressed to him.The young man's story is a tragic one.
He fell in love with Noelle, the daughter
of a cattle breeder, and was at first ac-
cepted as the girl's future husband, but
the fatal malady of which Riviere is now
dying showed itself, and the girl's father
forbade the union.Then Riviere shot his sweetheart dead
from behind some bushes, afterward re-
turning home and awaiting the arrival of
the police.The jury yesterday returned a verdict
of guilty, and the Judge sentenced Riviere
to five years' imprisonment, the minimum
penalty.

Duke of Saxe-Altenburg



Grand Duke of Baden



Duke of Saxe-Meiningen

THREE RULERS WILL
THIS YEAR BE EIGHTYInteresting Celebrations in Pros-
pect at the Courts of Minor
German States.BERLIN, April 21.
Three sovereigns of German States will
this year celebrate the eightieth anniver-also born in September, 1826, and is just
one week younger than the Grand Duke.
He succeeded to the throne in 1853, and
was married to Princess Agnes of Anhalt-
Dessau. George II, Duke of Saxe-Mein-
ingen, is the oldest of the three, having
been born on April 2, 1826. He succeeded
to the throne on the abdication of his
father, Duke Bernhard I, in 1890, and was
first married in May, 1850, to Princess
Charlotte of Prussia, who died in 1855. His
second marriage was to Princess Feodora
of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, who died in
1872. The Grand Duke then effected a
morganatic marriage with Ellen Frieda
Baroness von Hildburghausen.GERMANS PREPARE
FOR BRITISH INVASIONStrategic Railways Being Con-
structed at Place Where Eng-
lish Troops Could Land.

MITZ, April 21.

The two German army corps which are
stationed in Alsace-Lorraine, the Fif-
teenth and Seventeenth, have been com-
pletely equipped with the new weapons
before the rest of the German Army.When it was stated that England had
promised France to assist her in case of
an outbreak of war by landing 100,000
British troops in Schleswig-Holstein, the
German press ridiculed the idea. The Ger-
man authorities, however, seem to have
taken the matter more seriously. The
government has asked and obtained from
the Reichstag the sum of \$1,625,000 for
the immediate construction of strate-
gic railways which are necessary for the
defense of the empire.Seven lines in Schleswig-Holstein are to
be provided with double sets of rails.
This will render possible the quick con-
centration of troops in case of the land-
ing of a hostile army at any point south
of Kiel. There is no commercial need
whatever for the extension of the rail-
ways.KAISER SUPPLIES
TOWN WITH DANCERSGallantly Keeps Promise Made
Last Year to Girls Who
Pined for Partners.

BERLIN, April 21.

Nobody has ever denied that the Kaiser
is picturesque in nearly all he does, and
his visit to Crefeld, in the Rheneland, to-
day, was the outcome of a very romantic
and pretty incident.Last year when he was there some of
the young women of Crefeld complained
that there was a dull town, as there were
very few dancing men about. Thereupon
the Emperor gallantly said: "I will send a
regiment of cavalry, and they will teach
you how to dance."This morning, amidst striking scenes of
enthusiasm, the Kaiser led the Eleventh
Regiment of Hussars (the "Iron Hus-
sars") into the city. The reception, as
his Majesty declared, could not have been
more brilliant had the regiment been re-
turning from a successful campaign.The Burgomaster presented an address
at the gates.When I give my word I keep it," said
the Kaiser, in reply to the address, "I have brought
your city its garrison, and your young
ladies their dance-partners."